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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CAG has criticised his ministry for not submitting any action taken report to CAG in response to the auditor`s report in 1998 on the MPLAD Scheme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the funds spent on the schemes have not been recommended by the MPs; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a&b) The Ministry furnished Action Taken Note on the findings of the C&AG in its report for the period ending March, 1997 (received during 1998) on 26.4.01 and 13.7.01. The Ministry is also in the process of obtaining replies from the concerned district/states in respect of which certain observations had been made by the C&AG in the said report.

(c&d) The C&AG report for the period ending March, 1997 interalia includes the findings about execution of works by the District Heads without the recommendation of the concerned MPs. All the District Heads have been advised to sanction works on receipt of written recommendation of the concerned MP strictly on their letter head and under their own signature.